Elements of Programming Languages (EPL)

Response to student feedback in 2022/23 course survey

I have taken note of the feedback from students in this course survey, and have the following comments in response.

- Thanks for the constructive feedback, as I know there were a few bugs this year after a long interruption in the teaching of this course.
- I apologize again for the exam being held in the spring. I did not realize that this hadn't been changed until a few weeks before the semester was due to start, and then it was too late. The exam will be in the same semester as the course from now on.
- Suggestions regarding how further coding exercises and labs are welcome. Adding more code-centric tutorial problems (or making more code available) could be helpful for the later tutorials to complement the pen-and-paper exercises, but my impression is that working through larger code exercises in tutorials can be a bit tedious. Adding labs would require thought because the course is already close to the limit of the resources available for a medium-size 10-point course. One thing that might make sense could be to offer a second lab session to help students (or encourage them to help each other) work on the second assignment. I'll take this under advisement.
- Regarding the recordings, unfortunately as I am just using the centralized University system there are some things I can't easily control/fix like the focus, but I will work out how to use the pointer in a way that is visible in the recording and see if I can get any other tips how to do things during the lecture so that the videos turn out better.

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